

## Abbreviations and Acronyms - 2013

Abbreviation	Meaning
<b>AAR</b>	After Action Report
<b>ACF</b>	U. S. Administration for Children and Families
<b>ADLS</b>	Advanced Disaster Life Support
<b>AELT</b>	Aero-medical Evacuation Liaison Team
<b>AFO</b>	Area Field Office
<b>AHRQ</b>	U. S. Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
<b>ALS</b>	Advanced Life Support
<b>AMC</b>	Air Mobility Command (part of the DoD)
<b>AMP</b>	Aero-Medical Marshaling Point – the airport and associated incident command staff and equipment used for hospital evacuations. Also referred to as an “Air Head”.
<b>AoA</b>	U. S. Administration on Aging
<b>AOR</b>	Area of Responsibility
<b>APD</b>	Amtrak Police Department. Responsible for security once citizens are onboard an Amtrak train. Supports the City and Parish Assisted Evacuation Plans
<b>APOD</b>	Aerial Point of Debarkation (typically refers to the FCC)
<b>APOE</b>	Aerial Point of Embarkation (refers to the AMP)
<b>ARC</b>	American Red Cross. Generally responsible for managing parish-based general population shelters.
<b>ARF</b>	Action Request Form. An Excel™ spreadsheet used to submit a resource request to FEMA. Based on the GOHSEP form, “Requesting Information Form.”
<b>ASAR</b>	Animal Search and Rescue
<b>ASH</b>	Assistant Secretary for Health (Federal HHS)

<b>Abbreviation</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
<b>ASPHEP</b>	Assistant Secretary for Public Health and Emergency Preparedness
<b>ASPR</b>	Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (Federal HHS)
<b>ARR</b>	The At Risk Registry. The computer application used by ESF 8 to support hospital patient evacuation and repatriation. It is also used for hospice and home health patient tracking.
<b>BDLS</b>	Basic Disaster Life Support
<b>BEMS</b>	Louisiana Bureau of Emergency Medical Services (DHH)
<b>BLS</b>	Basic Life Support
<b>BOO</b>	Building of Opportunity
<b>BRAT</b>	Blended Rapid Assessment Team. Specific to the MC252 Oil Spill Response. The State Rapid Assessment Team will be augmented with pollution experts.
<b>C2</b>	Command and Control
<b>C2CRE</b>	Consequence Management Command and Control Response Element
<b>C3</b>	Command, Control and Communications
<b>C4</b>	Command, Control, Communications, and Computers
<b>CAEP</b>	City Assisted Evacuation Plan (New Orleans). Residents using this plan are taken to Critical Transportation Needs Shelters across the state (CTNS)
<b>CASEVAC</b>	Casualty Evacuation
<b>CASF</b>	Contingency Air Staging Facility. Supports AMP operations
<b>CBRNE</b>	Chemical Biological Radiological Nuclear or High Yield Explosive
<b>CCATT</b>	Critical Care Air Transport Teams. Arrive on the first evacuation plane at an AMP
<b>CDC</b>	U. S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Abbreviation	Meaning
<b>CERFP</b>	CBRNE Enhanced Response Force Package. At least one CERFP in each FEMA region. FEMA Region 6 CERFP housed at Carville under the 61 <sup>st</sup> Troop Command.
<b>CERT</b>	Community Emergency Response Team
<b>CIKR</b>	Critical Infrastructure / Key Resource
<b>CMS</b>	U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
<b>CONOPS</b>	Concept of Operations plan
<b>COOP</b>	Continuity of Operations Plan
<b>COP</b>	Common Operating Picture. Usually part of a briefing to an Incident Command Team.
<b>COTR</b>	Contracting Officer's Technical Representative. This person is a business communications liaison between the United States government and a private contractor and is typically a federal employee
<b>COTP</b>	Captain of the Port. Designated by the US Coast Guard Commandant to direct Coast Guard law enforcement activities within a designated area of responsibility.
<b>COW</b>	Commercial cellular on wheels. Units owned and deployed by GOHSEP to implement local communications post-event
<b>CRE</b>	Contingency Response Element. Can be part of a DoD operation in support of the MIEP. See "CRG" below.
<b>CRG</b>	Contingency Response Group (Federal, DoD)
<b>CRI</b>	Cities Readiness Initiative (Federal grant program)
<b>CST (WMD)</b>	Civil Support Team (Weapons of Mass Destruction). In Louisiana, the CST is the 62 <sup>nd</sup> Civil Support Team, based in Carville, LA
<b>CTNS</b>	Critical Transportation Needs Shelter. Used for those persons evacuated by local governments from affected areas. These are not general population shelters for those who self-evacuate.

Abbreviation	Meaning
<b>DASF</b>	Disaster Aero-medical Staging Facility. A DoD element to support patient evacuations. Would be part of an AMP footprint.
<b>DASF with DMOD</b>	Disaster Aero-medical Staging Facility with Disaster Medical Operations Detachment. This is the new configuration to support MIEP operations at each airfield.
<b>DAT</b>	Damage Assessment Team
<b>DCE</b>	Defense coordinating element
<b>DCFS</b>	Department of Children and Family Services (ESF 6)
<b>DCO</b>	Defense Coordinating Officer
<b>DCRF</b>	Defense CBRNE Response Force
<b>DEQ</b>	Department of Environmental Quality (ESF 10)
<b>DHH</b>	Department of Health & Hospitals (ESF 8)
<b>DHH EOC</b>	The DHH Emergency Operations Center located at the Bluebonnet Boulevard Office of Public Health complex.
<b>DHHS</b>	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
<b>DHS</b>	U.S. Department of Homeland Security
<b>DMAT</b>	Disaster Medical Assistance Team. Part of NDMS that assists in staffing Medical Special Needs Shelters and other critical healthcare sites.
<b>DMOD</b>	Disaster Medical Operations Detachment – an HHS unit
<b>DMORT</b>	Disaster Mortuary Operations Response Team. Part of NDMS that assists states and local governments in mass fatality incidents.
<b>DOA</b>	Division of Administration
<b>DOAg</b>	Department of Agriculture (ESF 11)
<b>DOC</b>	Louisiana Department of Corrections or U.S. Department of Corrections

Abbreviation	Meaning
<b>DoD</b>	U.S. Department of Defense
<b>DOE</b>	U.S. Department of Energy
<b>DOI</b>	U.S. Department of the Interior
<b>DOJ</b>	U.S. Department of Justice
<b>DOL</b>	U.S. Department of Labor
<b>DOS</b>	U.S. Department of State
<b>DOT</b>	U.S. Department of Transportation
<b>DOTD</b>	Department of Transportation and Development (ESF 1)
<b>DPMU</b>	Disaster Portable Morgue Unit
<b>DRC</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Designated Regional Coordinator. There are DRCs for hospitals, nursing homes, and EMS. These are generally volunteers from hospitals, but there are a few paid DRCs. These are generally referred to as Administrative DRCs (ADRCs).</li> <li>Disaster Recovery Center. These are operations typically set up by FEMA after a disaster to render individual assistance.</li> </ul>
<b>DSCA</b>	Defense Support to Civilian Authorities
<b>DVA</b>	U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
<b>EARS</b>	Emergency Animal Rescue Service
<b>EMAC</b>	Emergency Mutual Assistance Compact. Through EMAC, a disaster impacted state can request and receive assistance from other member states, resolving two key issues: liability and reimbursement. An EMAC request originates with the GOHSEP "Requesting Information Form".
<b>EMMA</b>	Emergency Mission Management Application (the computer system used by ESF 8 to manage missions during an event)

Abbreviation	Meaning
<b>EMS (BEMS)</b>	Emergency Medical Services or Bureau of Emergency Medical Services. Provides the incident command for medical transportation assets. Located in the Bluebonnet Boulevard complex near the DHH EOC.
<b>EMSTAT</b>	The computer application used by ESF 8 to monitor the status of critical healthcare facilities and to track nursing home patient movement.
<b>EOC</b>	Emergency Operations Center. GOHSEP EOC is referred to as the State EOC. As with other state agencies, DHH also maintains a free-standing EOC that coordinates with the State EOC. ESF 8 Incident Command is housed at the State EOC.
<b>EPA</b>	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
<b>EPLO</b>	Emergency Preparedness Liaison Officer
<b>ERT</b>	Emergency Response Team (Federal). There is an ERT-A (Advanced) and an ERT-N (National)
<b>ESAR-VHP</b>	Emergency System for Advance Registration of Volunteer Health Professionals (Known in Louisiana as LAVA – Louisiana Volunteers in Action)
<b>ESF</b>	Emergency Support Function. Organized into Branches at GOHSEP. See listing of ESF functions and agencies at end of this document.
<b>ESF 8 Portal</b>	<p>Suite of applications for critical healthcare facilities. Modules include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resource Management (replaced EMResource)</li> <li>• Messaging</li> <li>• Security Management</li> <li>• Survey Tool</li> <li>• EMSTAT</li> <li>• At Risk Registry</li> <li>• EMMA</li> <li>• Grant Management System</li> </ul>

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<b>FAC</b>	Family Assistance Center. Part of the mass fatality response that assists families of victims and collects ante-mortem information used in identification of victims.
<b>FCC</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Federal Coordinating Center. Sites usually associated with VA Hospitals that receive evacuated hospital patients and transfer those patients to NDMS hospitals across the country. Part of the MIEP.</li> <li>▪ U.S. Federal Communications Commission</li> </ul>
<b>FCO</b>	Federal Coordinating Officer. Usually housed at the Joint Field Office (JFO).
<b>FDA</b>	U. S. Food and Drug Administration
<b>FIRST</b>	Federal Incident Response Team
<b>FIT</b>	Federal Medical Station Installation Team
<b>FMS</b>	Federal Medical Station. Refers to the equipment and medical staffing provided by NDMS for Medical Special Needs Shelter beds.
<b>FOB</b>	Forward Operating Base
<b>FPS</b>	Federal Protective Service. Usually provides security to a variety of federal operations and offices. Can support local law enforcement post-event.
<b>FSRT</b>	Fatality Search and Recovery Team (part of the CERFP)
<b>GOHSEP</b>	Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness. The formal incident command organization for emergency management in Louisiana.
<b>GPMRC</b>	<p>Global Patient Movement Requirements Center. The federal Department of Defense system used in the evacuation of hospital patients. The GPMRC coordinates the evacuation need with the Department of Defense aircraft requirements and the destination hospitals</p> <p><b>UPDATE: Effective April 2012, GPRMC is now referred to as TPMRC-A (Theater Patient Movement Requirement Center Americas)</b></p>

<b>Abbreviation</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
<b>GSA</b>	U.S. General Services Administration
<b>HAN</b>	Health Alert Network
<b>HAZMAT</b>	Hazardous Materials
<b>H-HOUR</b>	The time at which tropical storm force winds hit the coast of Louisiana. H-0 is set by GOHSEP.
<b>HICS</b>	Hospital Incident Command System
<b>Hot Wash</b>	An AAR conducted immediately after an exercise with exercise participants
<b>HPP</b>	Hospital Preparedness Program (Federal grant program)
<b>HSPD</b>	Homeland Security Presidential Directive
<b>HRF</b>	Homeland Response Force. There is at least one HRF in each FEMA region.
<b>HRSA</b>	U. S. Health Resources and Services Administration
<b>HSEEP</b>	Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program
<b>HSIN</b>	Homeland Security Information Network
<b>HURREVAC</b>	Hurricane Evacuation (computer program)
<b>HVA</b>	Hazard Vulnerability Analysis
<b>IAP</b>	Incident Action Plan. A NIMS document outlining the overall concept of operations for an entity.
<b>IC</b>	Incident Commander
<b>ICE</b>	U. S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement
<b>ICP</b>	Incident Command Post
<b>ICS</b>	Incident Command System
<b>IED</b>	Improvised Explosive Device



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<b>IHS</b>	U.S. Indian Health Service
<b>IMT</b>	Incident Management Team
<b>INS</b>	U. S. Immigration and Naturalization Service
<b>IRCT</b>	Incident Response Coordination Team (Federal HHS)
<b>JDOMS</b>	Joint Director of Military Support
<b>JFO</b>	Joint Field Office. Usually the headquarters of local FEMA operations. Currently located in Baton Rouge in the former Godchaux's department store on Florida Blvd.
<b>JIC</b>	Joint Information Center. Usually established at GOHSEP during an event.
<b>JOC</b>	Joint Operations Center
<b>JPATS</b>	Joint Patient Assessment & Tracking System. Computer system operated and maintained by the Department of Health and Human Services. Can also refer to the HHS personnel element operating as part of a patient evacuation operation at an AMP.
<b>JPMT</b>	Joint Patient Movement Team (Part of the MIEP)
<b>JPRT</b>	Joint Patient Reporting Team (Part of the MIEP)
<b>JRMP</b>	Joint Regional Medical Planner. Military medical planners assigned to specific regions in the country. Coordinate activities with HHS and US NORTHCOM.
<b>JTF</b>	Joint Task Force
<b>LANG</b>	Louisiana National Guard. (ESF 16)
<b>LAVA</b>	Louisiana Volunteers in Action. Louisiana's version of ESAR-VHP
<b>LAVOAD</b>	Louisiana Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters
<b>LDWF</b>	Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries

Abbreviation	Meaning
<b>LERN</b>	Louisiana Emergency Response Network LERN is the trauma routing agency for the state. The communications center also handles first level help calls about ESF 8 Portal applications.
<b>LHA</b>	Louisiana Hospital Association
<b>LNHA</b>	Louisiana Nursing Home Association
<b>LNO</b>	Liaison Officer
<b>LOSCO</b>	Louisiana Oil Spill Coordinator
<b>LSP</b>	Louisiana State Police (ESF 13)
<b>MA</b>	Mission Assignment
<b>MAA</b>	Mutual Aid Agreement
<b>MAC</b>	Multi-Agency Coordination
<b>MAC ST</b>	Mobile Acute Care Strike Team. A team of 18 persons (12 clinicians) to support DASF personnel in the care of critical care patients at AMPs. Two teams available.
<b>MASF</b>	Mobile Aero-medical Staging Facility. Supports AMP operations
<b>MCC</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Morial Convention Center (New Orleans)</li> <li>▪ Movement Control Center (part of DOTD)</li> </ul>
<b>MEDEVAC</b>	Medical Evacuation
<b>MIEP</b>	Medical Institution Evacuation Plan
<b>MMC</b>	Mass Medical Care
<b>MMRS</b>	Metropolitan Medical Response System (Federal grant program)
<b>MNAT</b>	Medical Needs Assessment Team (Federal)

<b>Abbreviation</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
<b>MOF</b>	Maintenance of Funding. Term used in federal grant requirements. Usually refers to the source of funding the recipient will use to keep an effort operational after federal funding ceases. May also see MOE – Maintenance of Effort.
<b>MOG</b>	Maximum on Ground. Refers to the number of aircraft an airport can accommodate on the ground at any point in time.
<b>MRC</b>	Medical Reserve Corps
<b>MSCC</b>	Medical Surge Capacity Capability
<b>MSNS</b>	Medical Special Needs Shelter. serve the community homebound citizens who have no available care giver/s.
<b>MST</b>	Management Support Team (Federal)
<b>MTF</b>	Medical Treatment Facility
<b>NAS</b>	Naval Air Station (i.e. Belle Chasse NAS)
<b>NDMS</b>	National Disaster Medical Service. Part of the federal HHS that supplies medical equipment and staff to support state ESF 8 operations in an event.
<b>NFPA</b>	National Fire Protection Agency
<b>NGO</b>	Nongovernmental Organization
<b>NICCL</b>	National Incident Communications Conference Line
<b>NIH</b>	U. S. National Institutes of Health
<b>NOAA</b>	U. S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
<b>NOPD</b>	New Orleans Police Department
<b>NORTHCOMM</b>	U.S. Northern Command
<b>NRCC</b>	National Response Coordination Center (FEMA)
<b>NRF</b>	National Response Framework (to replace the NRP)
<b>NRP</b>	National Response Plan

<b>Abbreviation</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
<b>NSSE</b>	National Special Security Event
<b>OAAS</b>	Louisiana Office of Aging and Adult Services (DHH)
<b>OAD</b>	Louisiana Office of Addictive Disorders (DHH)
<b>OCDD</b>	Louisiana Office of Citizens with Developmental Disabilities (DHH)
<b>OEP</b>	Office of Emergency Preparedness. Usually refers to a parish-level agency.
<b>OMCP</b>	U. S. Office of Mass Casualty Planning (Federal HHS)
<b>OMH</b>	Louisiana Office of Mental Health (DHH)
<b>OPH</b>	Louisiana Office of Public Health (DHH)
<b>OPHEP</b>	HHS Office of Public Health Emergency Preparedness
<b>ORI</b>	Operational Readiness Inspection
<b>OSFM</b>	Louisiana Office of the State Fire Marshall
<b>OSHA</b>	U. S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration
<b>P2P</b>	Point to Point. Refers to evacuation plans that are specifically between the originating location and the destination location. Parishes have P2P agreements, and nursing homes have P2P agreements.
<b>PAEP</b>	Parish Assisted Evacuation Plan (usually refers to Jefferson Parish)
<b>PAU</b>	Personnel Accountability Unit. Usually responsible for the tracking of evacuated personnel.
<b>PCA</b>	Posse Comitatus Act
<b>PDAT</b>	Preliminary Damage Assessment Team
<b>PIO</b>	Public Information Officer. Generally works in or in concert with the JIC.

<b>Abbreviation</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
<b>PFO</b>	Principal Federal Official. For Louisiana, the PFO is Gil H. Jamieson, FEMA Deputy Director for Gulf Coast Recovery. Usually housed at the Joint Field Office (JFO).
<b>PHERC</b>	Public Health Emergency Response Coordinator
<b>PHS</b>	U. S. Public Health Service
<b>PHS – CC</b>	U. S. Public Health Service - Commissioned Corps
<b>PHTLS</b>	Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support (training, certification)
<b>PMR</b>	Patient Movement Request (part of the MIEP plan)
<b>PM SAT</b>	Patient Movement Situational Awareness Team (part of the MIEP plan; federal contingent) Generally sits at the EOC and is a Major or above that can communicate with higher authorities
<b>POD</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Point of Dispensing (for distributing pharmaceuticals to the public)</li> <li>Point of Distribution (for distributing food and supplies to the public)</li> </ul>
<b>PPE</b>	Personal Protective Equipment
<b>PPP</b>	Parish Pickup Point
<b>PSMA</b>	Pre-scripted Mission Assignment
<b>QRF</b>	Quick Response Force
<b>RAT</b>	Rapid Assessment Team
<b>REC</b>	Regional Emergency Coordinator (Federal HHS)
<b>Reverse TUCS</b>	TRANSCOM Uploadable Contingency Spreadsheet. The “reverse” occurs when TRANSCOM passes the TUCS to ESF 8 with flight information.
<b>RHA</b>	Regional Health Administrator (Federal HHS)
<b>RNA</b>	Rapid Needs Assessment

Abbreviation	Meaning
<b>RRCC</b>	FEMA Regional Response Coordination Center. Each FEMA region has an RRCC.
<b>RSS</b>	Receiving, Staging and Storage Site
<b>S&amp;E</b>	Search and Extraction
<b>SAR</b>	Search and Rescue
<b>SAT</b>	Satellite Phones
<b>SAMHSA</b>	U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Agency
<b>SARBOO</b>	Search and Rescue Base of Operations
<b>SCAT</b>	Shoreline Cleanup and Assessment Team. A team organized for the MC252 Oil Spill Response effort.
<b>SERT</b>	Secretary's Emergency Response Team (Federal HHS)
<b>SEWG</b>	Special Event Working Group
<b>SHO</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>State Health Officer, Dr. Jimmy Guidry, M.D.</li> <li>Senior Health Official (Federal HHS)</li> </ul>
<b>SIP</b>	Shelter in Place
<b>SMART</b>	A listing of pre-designated search sites for SAR teams post-event
<b>SME</b>	Subject Matter Expert
<b>SMO</b>	CDC Senior Management Official
<b>SNS</b>	Strategic National Stockpile. Managed by the Office of Public Health Center for Community Preparedness.
<b>SOC</b>	U.S. HHS Secretary's Operations Center
<b>SOPs</b>	Standard Operating Procedures
<b>SOW</b>	Statement of Work, usually part of a contract document or purchase order
<b>SSO</b>	Site Safety Officer

Abbreviation	Meaning
<b>SUP</b>	Shelter for Unique Populations. A 250 bed tent shelter set up for the evacuation of convicted sex offenders. For 2008, this acronym/name has been changed to Sex Offender Shelter.
<b>TACC</b>	Tanker Airlift Control Center (part of the MIEP process)
<b>TARU</b>	Technical Advisory/Assistance Response Unit (Federal HHS)
<b>TMOSA</b>	Temporary Medical Operations and Staging Area
<b>TPMRC-A</b>	Theater Patient Movement Requirement Center –Americas (Formerly known as GPMRC)
<b>TRAC2ES</b>	TRANSCOM Regulating Command & Control Evacuation System. The computer system used by GPMRC to manage the manifesting process for patients being evacuated through the MIEP process.
<b>TRANSCOMM</b>	U.S. Transportation Command
<b>TSA</b>	U.S. Transportation Security Administration
<b>UAC</b>	Unified Area Command
<b>UASI</b>	Urban Areas Security Initiative (Federal grant program)
<b>UPT</b>	Union Passenger Terminal (New Orleans)
<b>USACE</b>	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
<b>USAID</b>	United States Agency for International Development
<b>USCG</b>	U.S. Coast Guard
<b>USDA</b>	U. S. Department of Agriculture
<b>USFS</b>	U. S. Forest Service
<b>USFWS</b>	U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service
<b>USPHS</b>	United States Public Health Service
<b>USPS</b>	U. S. Postal Service
<b>USSS</b>	United States Secret Service

Abbreviation	Meaning
<b>USTRANSCOM</b>	U. S. Transportation Command
<b>VMAT</b>	Veterinary Medical Assistance Team
<b>VOAD</b>	Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster
<b>VOO</b>	Vessel of Opportunity
<b>VSA</b>	Vehicle Staging Area. Used to refer to the DOTD plan for supporting and refreshing evacuation buses. This does not refer to the bus triage plan.
<b>VTC</b>	Video Teleconference
<b>WebEOC</b>	The primary information system used by GOHSEP, the 64 parish EOCs, and all ESFs to request and track resources and missions. It is a web-based application maintained by GOHSEP.



## Listing of ESFs for Louisiana

ESF	Function	State Agency Lead
ESF 1	Transportation	DOTD
ESF 2	Communications	GOHSEP
ESF 3	Public Works and Engineering	DOTD
ESF 4	Firefighting	DPS/OSFM
ESF 5	Emergency Management	GOHSEP
ESF 6	Mass Care, Housing, and Human Services	DCFS
ESF 7	Resources Support	GOHSEP
ESF 8	Public Health and Medical	DHH
ESF 9	Search and Rescue	DWF
ESF 10	Oil Spill, Hazardous Materials, and Radiological	DEQ
ESF 11	Agriculture	DOAg
ESF 12	Energy	DNR
ESF 13	Public Safety and Security	DPS/LSP
ESF 14	Community Recovery, Mitigation and Economic Stabilization	GOHSEP
ESF 15	Emergency Public Information	GOHSEP
ESF 16	Military Support to Civil Affairs	LANG